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BEGIN FYI. FOLLOWING A RECENT SERIES OF PRIVATE CONVERSA-
TIONS BETWEEN GEORGE SHULTZ AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, PRESIDENT
GISCARD, PRIME MINISTER WILSON AND AMBASSADOR USHIBA, IT
HAS BEEN DECIDED TO CONVENE A SMALL PRIVATE MEETING IN NEW
YORK ON OCTOBER 5-6 TO EXPLORE FURTHER THE HOLDING OF A
SUMMIT MEETING. THIS IS TO BE ATTENDED BY SIR JOHN HUNT,
CARL OTTO POEHL, PROFESSOR BARRE, USHIBA, SHULTZ AND MYSELF.
THE GOVERNMENT HEADS INVOLVED APPEAR ALL TO SEE MERIT IN A
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SUMMIT MEETING BUT FINAL DECISIONS REMAIN TO BE TAKEN, PRE-

SUMABLY AFTER THE OCTOBER NEW YORK MEETING. AS YOU ARE AWARE, ONE OF THE ISSUES IS PARTICIPATION BEYOND THE ORIGINAL FIVE, NOTABLY THAT OF ITALY. THE ITALIANS HAVE MOUNTED MAJOR PRESSURE TO BE INCLUDED AND HAVE UNILATERALLY DESIGNATED DR. RINALDO OSSOLA AS THEIR EXPERT. THIS ISSUE IS NOW A MATTER OF HIGHEST LEVEL CONSIDERATION IN THE LIGHT OF ALL THE WELL-KNOWN FACTORS PRO AND CON AND SHOULD BE RESOLVED SOON. WE WANTED YOU TO BE AWARE OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS. NO ACTION ON YOUR PART IS REQUIRED AT THIS STAGE AND I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR. SHOULD YOU BE

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